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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, 173 West Street, Rutland, Vermont  
(Site #97-2272)

Dear Mr. Powell:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the two (2) Heindel and Noyes reports dated August 31, 1998, and September 24, 1998, prepared for the above referenced site. These reports make a petition for giving the site a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. These reports also summarize the soil excavation activities that occurred between June 1998 and August 1998. A total of 352.70 tons of petroleum contaminated soils were excavated and shipped to MTS in New Hampshire for asphalt batching. Following the soil removal, the excavation sidewalls and bottom were screened, and no significant residual soil contamination was found. Also, nine groundwater monitoring wells have been installed and sampled. No groundwater contaminants were found at concentrations in excess of Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards. The site is located in downtown Rutland City and it appears that the release neither threatens human health nor the environment.

Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the suspected underground storage tank appears to have been removed, and is no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- 352.70 tons of petroleum contaminated soil was excavated and treated by asphalt batching at MTS in New Hampshire;
- any residual soil and groundwater contamination is limited to the immediate vicinity of the former UST area, and will be naturally attenuated over time; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

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This SMAC designation does not release David Powell of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination remaining in the ground from the removed UST. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. If the monitoring wells are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the wells with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 21. Also, the road box or stand-up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Matt Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,



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